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Tentative List of Military Information Desired by MIS

The following is a list of general itemized topics in which the Regional Function Branches of the Military Intelligence Service now have a continuing interest.

Except where otherwise indicated and especially where such information is available, emphasis and concentration of effort will be placed in gathering the information desired in direct relation to the enemy, enemy occupied areas, and neutrals, and secondarily on the local area to which the Military Observer may be assigned.

1. Military Branch

A. Priorities are established in the following order:

1. Japanese
2. German
3. Russian
4. Others

B. Topics.

1. Order of Battle

- a. Identification of units.
- b. Location of units.
- c. Movements of units.
- d. Strength in areas.
- e. Operations (enemy and neutral only)
- f. Military personalities (Japanese and German only)  
(Note: Who's who branch similarly interested.)
- g. Field post numbers of the German Army and Air Force.

2. Organization.

- a. General principles of military organization.
- b. Organization of higher headquarters and larger units.
- c. Organization of organic units of divisions.
- d. Organization of GHQ troops.
- e. Types of small units.
- f. Organization of task forces.
- g. Organization of air force units.

3. Manpower

- a. Available military manpower.
- b. Classification of manpower; standards of physical fitness and occupational deferment.
- c. Methods of mobilization.
- d. Actual mobilization and recruitment.
- e. Casualties.
- f. T/o strength.
- g. Type and quality of personnel in units.

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4. Weapons and equipment.

- a. All weapons from small arms to heavy artillery.
- b. Transport equipment.
- c. Personal equipment.
- d. Equipment of special arms and services such as signal troops, engineers, and chemical warfare troops.
- e. Aircraft and other air force armament and equipment.

5. Uniforms and insignia.

- a. Uniforms.
- b. Insignia of rank and of branch of service.
- c. Decorations and awards.
- d. Recognition generally (tanks, aircraft, vehicles, etc.)

6. Fortifications and defenses.

- a. Methods of fortification.
- b. Types of fortifications and defenses.
- c. Locations of fortifications and defenses.

7. Tactics and strategy.

- a. Strategic doctrines and practice.
- b. Tactical doctrines and practice.
- c. Intelligence and counter intelligence methods.
- d. Training methods.

8. Logistics and administration.

- a. System of supply and evacuation.
- b. Permanent and semi-permanent military installations.
- c. Territorial administrative structure.
- d. Replacement training system.
- e. System of army and air force administration.
- f. Discipline and military morale.

II Political Branch.

A. No special priorities assigned except where indicated and as stated above.

B. Topics.

6. Central Europe

Germany.

- a. Plans of the left-wing NSDAP leaders to establish and control a successor to the present German Government through "pressure" of the SS or through negotiated peace.

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- b. Intentions of the German industrialists and landed gentry to disassociate themselves from the NSDAP and to give support to the several "free" German organizations.
- c. Ambitions of the Moscow Free German Committee to control through Soviet channels the other German refugee political groups.
- d. Indications of popular revolt through riots, strikes, etc. in Germany.
- e. Evidences of German approach to U.S.S.R. in re: armistice and peace.
- f. Greater German international relations; i.e., German-Japanese relations, etc.
- g. German relations with Axis occupied countries.

Hungary

- h. In Hungary, what is the trend in recent municipal elections with reference to Laredy's attempt to outlaw all political parties excepting his own (National Socialist)?
- i. Cooperation of Hungarian diplomats in exile with Otto of Hapsburg for restoration.

j. Who are the leaders of the Agrarian Reform movement now? Are there any Communists among them?

Czechoslovakia

- k. Slovak public opinion with reference to reestablishment of Czechoslovakia.
- l. Morale of soldiers returning to Czechoslovakia from the Russian front.

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